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PRESS RELEASE

Media is invited to cover the Renaming of the Joint Operations Center Ceremony at Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas on Friday, July 12, 2019, at 2 p.m. and must arrive no later than 1:30 p.m. to allow for parking and coordination.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Thursday, July 11, 2019, by 4 p.m. with the Texas Military Department State Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or email at ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil. Media will be required to show credentials.

Camp Mabry is located at 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, Texas 78703.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Joint Operations Center renamed after late Sgt. Maj. Elwood Imken

AUSTIN, Texas (July 9, 2019) – The Joint Operations Center based at Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas, will be renamed and dedicated after the late Sgt. Maj. Elwood H. Imken, of Austin, for his extraordinary impact on the Texas Military Department. The renaming ceremony for the new Sergeant Major E.H. Imken Joint Force Headquarters-Texas Joint Operations Center, will take place July, 12, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Camp Mabry.

Imken's military service spanned more than 38 years from March 1967 through 2005. His career reached every echelon from platoon through division and every level of leadership, culminating as the Division Operations Sergeant Major for the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 4th Armored Division and 36th Infantry Division. Imken is known for his high degree of professionalism and dedication concerning the lives of Soldiers.

The Joint Operations Center provides the Texas Military Department with well-trained ready forces to support missions for the State and Nation at home and abroad. Imken was instrumental in the creation of the Joint Operations Center by using his extensive network to aid in disaster response efforts.

In addition to his impact in domestic operations, Imken played a huge role in establishing and sustaining community outreach programs such as Food for Families, a program that provides food to stock pantries across Texas. His planning efforts directly contributed to the one-day food drive collection of more than 1.5 million pounds of food in 2014.

Imken was inducted into the Texas Military Department Hall of Honor in 2016. The Hall of Honor recognizes outstanding Texas Air, Army, and State Guard Members. Imken died in 2018.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Department is commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Office of State Administration (formerly the Office of the Executive Director), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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